



Harold Croop

Air Vehicles engineer honored by RNASA ***by Melissa Kamaka, Air Vehicles Directorate***

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio — Harold Croop of the Air Force Research Laboratory Structural Mechanics Branch was presented a Rotary National Award for Space Achievement (RNASA) Stellar Award in recognition of three decades of hard work and accomplishments.

The award committee honored Croop for his technical and programmatic leadership in the field of Thermal Structures Concepts enabling future endeavors in the area of Reusable Launch Vehicles and Military Space Operating Vehicles.

Croop has been with AFRL since receiving his master's degree in Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineering from Purdue University in 1971, and with the Analytical Structural Mechanics Branch since 1999. Most recently, he was one of only two members of the Air Force to participate in the Airframe proposal evaluation portion of NASA's National Research Announcement 8-30 Space Launch Initiative.

The award was presented at the National Space Trophy Dinner March 8, 2002 in League City, Texas. @